

ECCENTRIC WAGERS.

So far as we can go back into the world's history, we find the rage for making wagers prevalent. The Romans had a great inclination for betting, and they had a conventional form of raffish betting contracts, which consisted in taking from their finger the ring, which the higher classes invariably wore, and giving it to the keeper of some very extraordinary bet. In the old days some very extraordinary bets were made. Thomas Hodgson and Samuel Whitehead were in the castle yard, York, as to which should assume the most original character. Unlucky was selected, whose duty it was to decide upon the comparative absurdity of the costumes in which the two gentlemen appeared. On the appointed day Hodgson came before the umpires decked with bank notes of various value on his coat and waistcoat, a row of gold around his head, while a piece of paper bearing the words "John Bull" was attached to his back. Whitehead was dressed like a woman on one side; one half of his face was painted, and he wore a feather in his hair. The other half of his face was blacked to resemble that of a negro. On the corresponding side of his body he wore a gaudy long tailed linen coat, and his leg was cased with leather and slipper on one leg. Much to the astonishment of the crowd, the stakes were awarded to "John Bull."

The Duke of Queensbury laid a singular wager with Sir Charles Dunbar about the end of the last century. The former was to produce a man who was to walk from the quays in Piccadilly, London, to the quays of the River Thames, in the space of three hours, advancing four steps and at every fourth step retreating one step backward. The bet was for £1,000. Most of the quays were covered with water, and probably the Duke of Queensbury borrowed the hint from a circumstance recorded in the history of Catherine de Medici. This celebrated and beautiful queen made a vow that if an enterprise of consequence in which she was engaged should terminate successfully she would send a pilgrim to Jerusalem. Having succeeded in her first point, it remained to discover a man with vigor and patience enough to undertake the journey. A citizen of Verberie, Picardy, presented himself and promised most readily to accomplish the vow. He fulfilled his engagement with great precision, of which the Duke was well assured by those whom he had appointed to travel by his side and watch his motions.

There was a notorious gambler at the end of the last century who raised himself finally by a very extraordinary bet. He had been playing with Lord Lorne. Lord Lorne had been very high, and luck had gone steadily against him. Exasperated at his losses, he jumped up from the card table, and seizing a large purse, he said: "For once I'll have a little fun. I've got a chance of winning. Odd or even for chance of winning?" "Odd," replied the other calmly. The bowl was dashed against the wall, and on the pieces being counted there proved to be an odd one.

The gambler paid his 15,000 guineas. The result, however, to correct, it was even; but, "if tradition is correct, it was only by selling the list of his estates that he was enabled to do so."

Here is a record of another wager: A member of parliament bet a gentleman well known on the Edinburgh as a made gamester, that he had won immediately converted into another million of guineas while another made a million of guineas with a pen and ink upon writing paper. Eating and drinking have at all times been the subject of bets, and we hear of a courier, by name Aristocrate, son of the Old Lion, London, for the trifling bet of the Old Lion, London, for the trifling bet of a shilling underfoot to drink three gills of lamp oil of the most rancid and nauseous quality that could be procured, which he performed with as much gusto and relish as if it had been the most delicious cordial. The money he had won immediately converted into another million of guineas while another made a million of guineas with a pen and ink upon writing paper.

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In a recent lecture at the Royal Institution, Dr. B. W. Richardson says that the sleep of health is dreamless. "Dreams," says Richardson, "are children of an idle brain. If both the doctor and the poet are right it follows that idle brains are unhealthy brains. No doubt these might be true in the inference, but that is not quite the point. Are all dreams signs of a diseased condition? To this the doctor says: 'No.' He divides dreams into two classes: those started by noises or other causes outside the sleeper, and those produced by pain, fever, or indigestion.

Here we touch a fact. We receive multitudes of letters containing this affirmation, almost identical words: "I was woken in the morning when I went to bed." To this the doctor says: "No." He divides dreams into two classes: those started by noises or other causes outside the sleeper, and those produced by pain, fever, or indigestion.

From one of the letters referred to we quote some lines of a morning when she went to bed. "Poor girl. Those 'forgotten dreams' had tossed her about as a ship is tossed in a tempest. Night was her day of labor."

The author's simple tale is this: "In June, 1890, my daughter, Miss Elizabeth, became low, weak, and fretful, and complained of pain in the chest after eating. Next her stomach was so irritable that she vomited all the food she ate. It was as if she had been hit by a steamroller. There was nothing passed through her stomach except a little soda water and lime water. Later on, her foot and legs began to swell and she lost sleep. She was now pale as death and had lost her appetite. She was now pale as death and had lost her appetite. She was now pale as death and had lost her appetite."

"A doctor attended her for twelve months, and finally said it was no use giving her any more medicine as it would do no good. In May, 1891, I took her to the Devonian Infirmary. She got no better there, and I thought I was surely going to lose her. She was then thirteen years of age."

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The suffering case of all this young girl's pitiful illness was indigestion and dyspepsia, dropping in one of its most dangerous symptoms. It attacks both youth and age, its effects are often fatal, being due to the fact that physicians usually treat the symptoms instead of the disease itself.

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